

人道成即天道成 (孝道)

Harmony in Personal Relationships and Success in Tao Cultivation (Filial Piety)

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壹、前言：1. Foreword

修道務必從根本而行，人道即是做人的根本，「君子務本，本立而道生」，本固才能枝榮。

Tao cultivation starts with fundamentals. Harmonizing personal relationship is fundamental in our life. A truly exemplary person is devoted to the fundamentals to begin cultivating Tao, just as a giant tree requires strong root to grow.





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Stages in Development and Progression





Tao Initiation

True Self

- Unlock Third Eye
- Re-discover
- Awaken

Foundation

- Connect w/
Heavenly
Mother
- True Master

Three Treasures

- Positive
Energy
- Innate Virtues
- Wisdom and
blessings

貳、何謂人道 2. What is personal relationship?

※恩師慈悲：修天道要從人道做起。何謂人道？
就是做人的基本道理，人道先做好天道才會達成。

Holy Teacher: Cultivating Tao starts with harmonizing personal relationships. What does it mean by personal relationships? Personal relationships represent the **basic principles to follow as a human being**. Success in Tao cultivation begins with enhancing harmony in our personal relationships.

何謂人道 What is personal relationship?

Five Cardinal Relationships



Parents and Children

Respect and
Filial Piety



Rulers and Subjects

Benevolence and
Loyalty



Husband and Wife

Righteousness
and Faithfulness



Siblings

Kindness and
Caring



Friends to Friends

Trustworthiness
and Fidelity



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Purpose of Tao

To venerate Heaven and Earth. To revere divine beings.

To be patriotic and responsible. To be virtuous and courteous.

To honor parents, respect teachers, keep faith with friends, and live harmoniously with neighbors.

To rid of bad habits and seek the good.

To clarify the Five Relationships and Eight Virtues.

To spread the essence of the Five Great Religions.

To follow the practices of the Four Ethical Principles.

To cleanse and purify our thoughts. To utilize illusory world in cultivating the truth.

To restore the nature of our true self. To develop the perfection of our conscience.

To establish oneself and help others in their establishment.

To achieve own goals and help others in their achievement.

To bring peace and harmony to the world.

To transform people's hearts into goodness.

To bring great unity for the world.

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Self
Cultivation

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Personal
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Peace,
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Tao Cultivation (family and friends):

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2. Respect elders.
3. Righteousness and faithfulness.
4. Siblings love.
5. Trustworthiness between friends.

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Where could I start, based on the holy teachings?



Confucius Teaching about Filial Piety and Siblings Love / Respect

Key Concepts

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A truly noble / exemplary person is devoted to the fundamental, e.g. Tao.

When the root is firmly established, the moral and virtues will grow. **Filial piety and siblings respect and love are the root of humanity.**

In the family hierarchy, parents are superior to their children.

Respect for parents is the starting point of virtue.



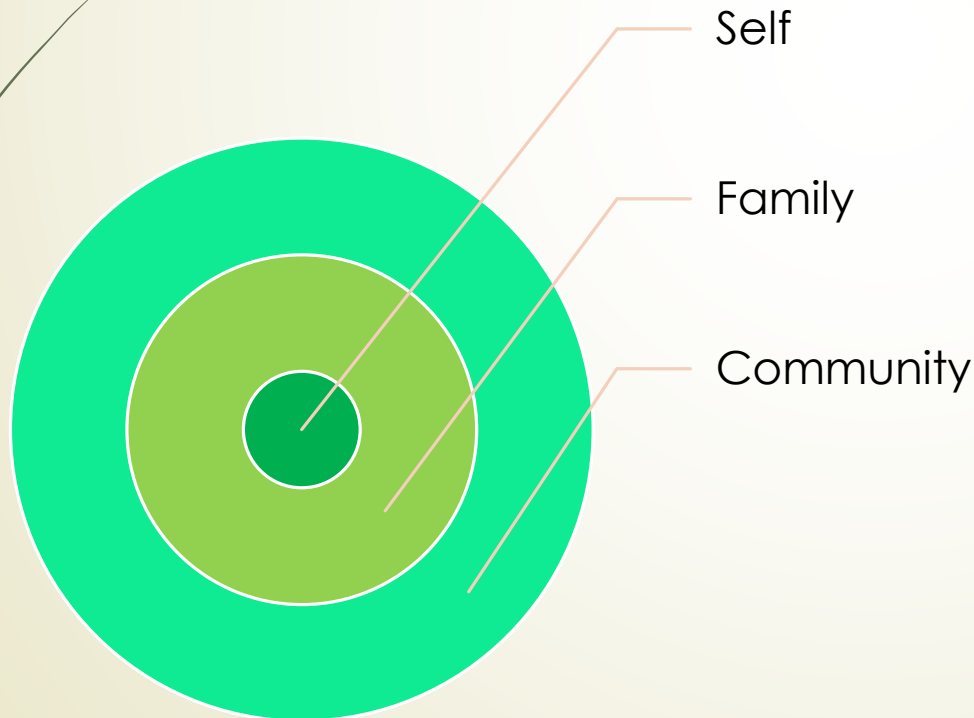
Filial Piety: Basis for All Virtues

Benevolence, righteousness, propriety, wisdom, trustworthiness, compassion, empathy, kindness, humility, integrity

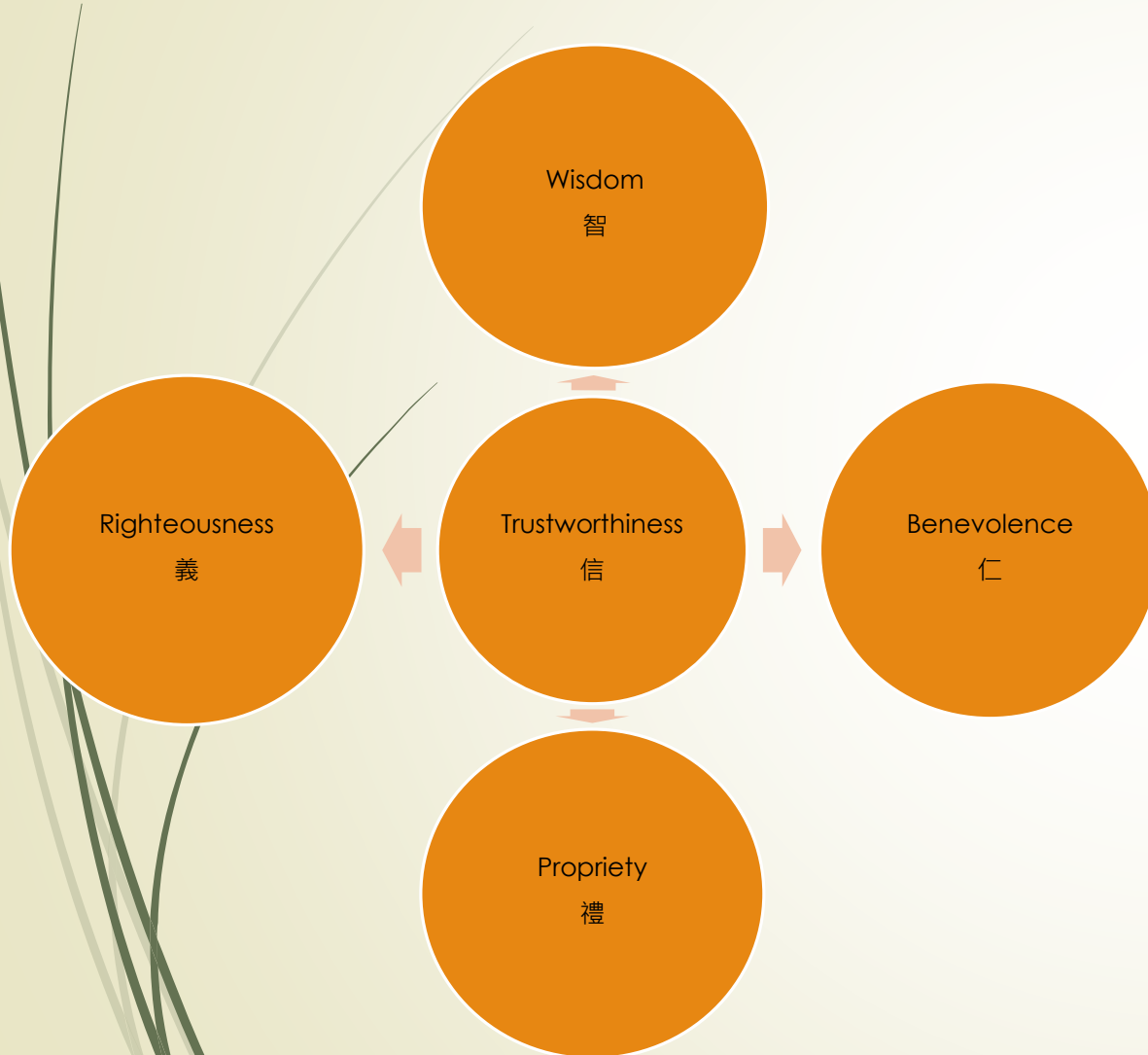


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Filial Piety
noun [fil-ee-ul-pi-eh-ty]

The virtue and primary duty of respect, obedience, and care for one's parents and elderly family members.



Five Cardinal Virtues



Mencius: Benevolence, righteousness, propriety, wisdom, and trustworthiness are not welded onto me from the outside. They are that which I have always had.

These five virtues are inherent in all people.



https://youtu.be/k_J0MofpMEg

Key Takeaways

Helping
Caring
guiding
Simplicity
time
another
nurture
seeing
Hugging
together
one
spending
shelter
happiness
protect
Love
holding
Feeding

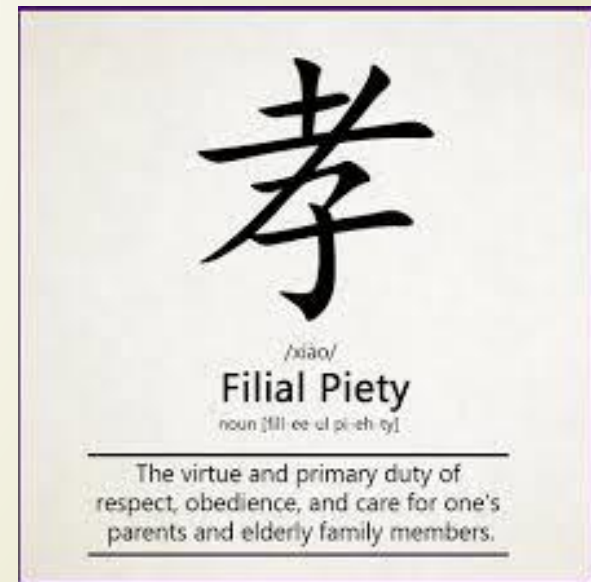
Why practice filial piety?

1. Protect us during the pregnancy
2. Experience of fatigue and discomfort during pregnancy
3. Pain and suffering during labor
4. Endless joy seeing us, despite her own pain and discomfort
5. Sleepless nights to feed us and care for us
6. Daily nurturing, teaching, bathing, etc. so we could grow up to be responsible adults
7. All the worries whenever we get sick, for us to recover quickly
8. When we travel far away, their concerns, love, and thoughts for our safe returns
9. When we face obstacles, their support and teaching to help push us through
10. Unconditional love throughout

要有正確的理念，修道就是修正不正當的行為、不正確的觀念，把它修正過來就叫作修道。所以我們不講法術、變化，那些對我們沒有實質上的幫助。我們從孝順父母做起，把子女教育好。愛我們的子女，就是要引導他學習正確的道理。一味地寵愛他，叫他讀書考上好的學校，不是究竟。一個有德性的父母要教育孩子養成好的品格。



Tao Cultivation means to uphold the virtues and to correct own bad behaviors and impure thoughts. **Self improvement is cultivation.** We do not discuss supernatural power as that does not help with our lives. **Starting with filial piety, educating children does not only mean to get them into good school, but also to teach the great virtues so that they uphold virtuous characters.**



What constitutes appropriate filial piety actions?

One disciple, zi yo, asked Confucius about filial piety.

Confucius: Somebody says that filial piety simply means providing food and shelter to one's parents.

Confucius: We provide food and shelter to our pets too. If one does not respect one's parents, what is the difference in providing food and shelter to one's parents vs. one's pets?



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Another disciple, zi hsia, asked Confucius about filial piety.

Confucius: When caring for one's parents, it is the most admirable when one does it with pleasant, respectful and sincere gesture, to bring happiness to one's parents. Otherwise, simply helping parents with chores and errands and providing food and shelter on surface is not sufficient.



What constitutes appropriate filial piety actions?

1. Take good care of oneself, be responsible at work, and leave a legacy that brings glory to our parents.
2. Not showing angry faces at our parents or any act that may embarrass them.
3. Take care of siblings and other family members, so our parents could live without worries.
4. Ensure that our parents live the righteous life and if need be advises them with kind and gentle voice. Persist with kindness and gentleness to influence and support our parents. We must as children ensure our parent live rightly and well.

When one's parents are alive, we should do our best in the following as part of filial piety:

1. Do not do deeds to bring shame to family, so our parents could have a peace of mind.
2. Do our best to help ease their worries, so they could live comfortably.
3. Care for our parents' daily living needs, e.g. clothing, food, and shelter with a sincere heart.
4. When parents are angry and scolding us, understand their teaching without resentment.

Xiang saw that the well was dug deeper and deeper to the point where Shun could not be seen

象看著井越來越深

Key Takeaways

Filial Piety Moves Heavens.

Great Virtues

Peace and Prosperity in Kingdom

Three different levels of filial piety:

1. Base level: Provide clothing, food, and shelter to one's parents. (physical)
2. Moderate level: Understand parents' wish and do our best to cherish and respect their wish, so they could live comfortably with a peace of mind. (mental)
3. Best: Care of one's health and cultivate, practice, and propagate Tao sincerely to bring blessings and honor to one's parents. (Tao cultivation)

From the Scripture of Filial Piety:

1. Taking care of our physical body, as it comes from our parents, is the beginning form of filial piety.
2. The ultimate form of filial piety consists of us cultivating, practicing, and propagating Tao sincerely to bring blessings and honor to one's parents.



Female compassionate Buddha:



1. Tao cultivation is the best opportunity for one to practice the highest level of filial piety.
2. As we cultivate our true self steadily and sincerely, we will elevate our spiritual purity and understanding naturally.
3. Each one of us has a lotus flower pedestal waiting for us in the Heavenly Realm. More sincere we cultivate, bigger and higher level of lotus flower pedestal await us.

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Holy Teacher : Cultivation does not talk about unexplainable supernatural power, but is focused on perfecting basic principles for mankind: filial piety, siblings love, loyalty, truthworthiness/faithfulness.

Without respect to parents, it is meaningless to pray.

值得深思的一段话:

1歲孩子把尿尿拉在褲子會被原諒

80歲的老人則會被責罵

1歲的孩子有人餵養

80歲的老人卻擔心沒人贍養

孩子怎麼成長, 老人就怎麼退化

他們不是“癡呆”, 只是回歸孩子的狀態

當他們忘記往事, 忘記如何吃飯

忘記如何說話

請耐心對待, 這是生命的輪迴

這是上天給子女們回報父母的“機會”

我們不應該“怨懟”, 我們應該“珍惜”

百善孝為先, 請善待長者

因為我們都會變老

A Thought-Provoking Passage:

1-year-old child will be forgiven for wetting pants

80-year-old man will be scolded

1-year-old child is fed

80-year-old man is worried that no one will support

As the child grows, the old man degrades

They are not “dementia” but just returning to the way of children

When they forget the past, forget how to eat,

forget how to talk

Please be patient, this is the cycle of life

This is God's given chance to repay our parents

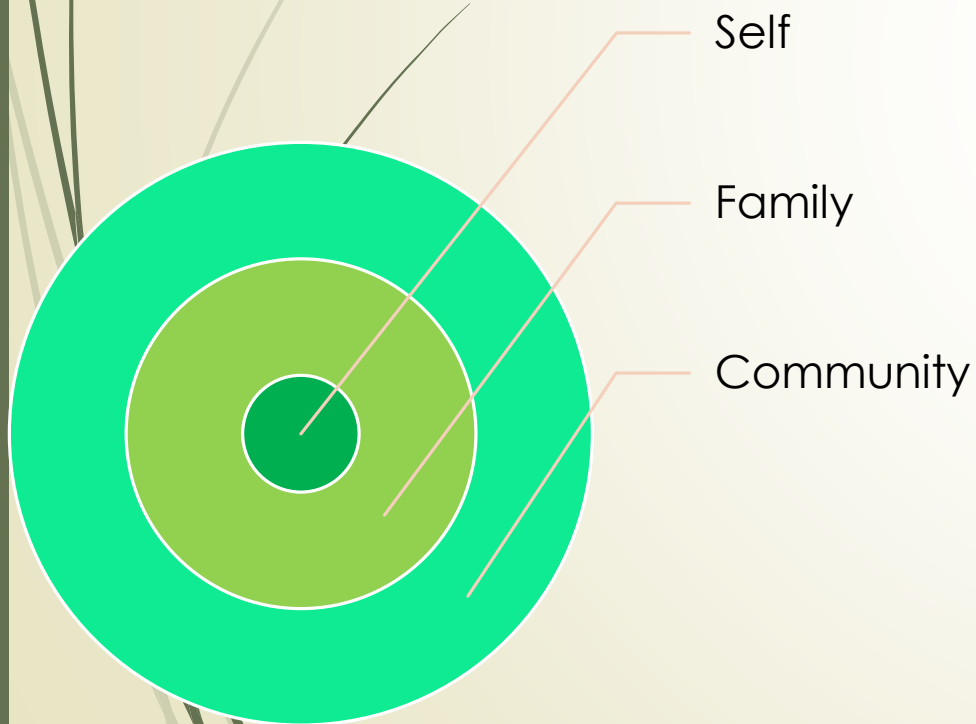
We should not complain, we should cherish

Any good deeds start with filial piety. Please treat the elders kindly

Because we all get old

There are two things which we cannot wait to do in this world:

- Do good deeds to help and benefit others.
- Practice the filial piety.



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When your father is alive observe his intentions. When he is deceased, model yourself on the memory of his behavior.

If in three years after his death you have not deviated from your father's ways, then you may be considered a filial child.

In serving his parents, a son may remonstrate with them, but gently; when he sees that they do not incline to follow his advice, he shows an increased degree of reverence, but does not abandon his purpose; and should they punish him, he does not allow himself to murmur.

In the family hierarchy, parents are superior to their children.

Respect for parents is the starting point of virtue.

Children should model their behavior after their parents.

Children should honor their parents without complaint, even when they disagree.



*THE JOURNEY OF TAO CULTIVATION IS OPEN
TO ALL.*

*MAY YOUR JOURNEY BE FILLED WITH PEACE,
WISDOM, COMPASSION, AND HAPPINESS.*